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SUBJECT: FIRST BLACK MARTYR - PART II

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1. FUNERAL FOR SLAIN BLACK POLITICAL LEADER JOAO PEDRO BENGE ATTRACTED CROWD ESTIMATED (BY CONGEN OFFICER) TO NUMBER 8,000-10,000. NEARLY ALL BLACKS (PLUS A FEW MESTIZOS) FROM URBAN LABORING AND MIDDLE CLASSES. CROWD WELL BEHAVED BUT STRONG UNDERCURRENT OF ANGER AND ANTI-WHITE RESENTMENT WAS PALPABLE. POLICE, ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLES, HAD 2 BLOCK CORDON AROUND CHURCH, ALONG ENTIRE 2 MILE PROCESSION ROUTE AND AT CEMETERY. PURPOSE OF CORDON WAS TO PROHIBIT ENTRY OF VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN WHITES BENT ON DISRUPTING FUNERAL.

2. ABOUT HALF DOZEN SIGNS WERE SEEN, NONE MENTIONING REBEL GROUPS. (THIS IN LINE WITH MILITARY'S PROHIBITION AGAINST SIGNS OR DEMONSTRATIONS IN FAVOR OF GROUPS WHICH HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED CEASE-FIRE.) SIGNS WERE ANTI-WHITE IN NATURE (IS THIS WHAT WHITES MEAN BY MULTIRACIALISM?") AND MORE VITRIOLIC THAN AT BLACK DEMONSTRATIONS DURING VISIT OF INTERTERRITORIAL MIN ALMEIDA DOS SANTOS. A PRO-MPLA SPEECH WAS GIVEN AT GRAVESIDE
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CROWD DISPERSED QUIETLY.

3. NO ACTS OF VIOLENCE WERE NOTED, AND NONE REPORTED SUBSEQUENTLY.

4. COMMENT: LUANDA HAS SO FAR WEATHERED THIS PROBLEM QUITE WELL, BUT BLACK ANGER INCREASING AND THEIR POLITICALIZATION BECOMING MORE APPARENT DAILY. LONG WEEKEND (JUNE 10 IS HOLIDAY) COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY.
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